

VZCZCXYZ0000
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHNR #0626 0870947
ZNY SSSSS ZZH
O 280947Z MAR 09
FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9002
INFO RHMFSS/CJTF HOA
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC
RUEKDIA/DIA WASHDC

S E C R E T NAIROBI 000626

SIPDIS

DEPT FOR AF/E, SES-O

E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/28/2019

TAGS: PTER MOPS PGOV PREL PINR SO

SUBJECT: SOMALIA - PUNTLAND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
INSTALLATION IN BOSSASO ATTACKED

REF: NAIROBI 601

Classified By: Somalia Unit Counselor Bob Patterson. Reasons: 1.4 b,d

.

(S) At about 0100 (local), March 28, a group of about 12 - 15 gunmen attacked a Puntland Intelligence Service (PIS) installation in the town of Bossaso. No one at the PIS installation was injured during the relatively prolonged firefight. It is possible that one of the attackers was wounded, or killed during the fighting. The attack was in apparent retaliation for the March 24 arrest in Bossaso by PIS operatives and Puntland police of Sheikh Osman Mohamed Shire (reftel). (Sheikh Osman was reportedly the cleric who presided at the October 27, 2008, procedure in Kismaayo that ended in the stoning to death of a Somali girl who had been accused of adultery.) The PIS is attempting to trace the whereabouts of the attackers. No one had been detained as of 1200 (local), and no one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

RANNEBERGER